



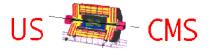
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Glidein Factories

(and in particular, the glideinWMS)

by Igor Sfiligoi





Anybody heard of "The Grid"?

As in Open Science Grid and European Grid for E-Science

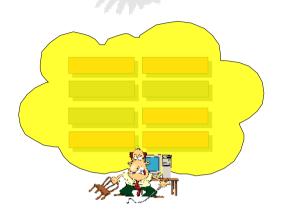
- "The Grid" is the current way forward in most sciences
 - Certainly in High Energy Physics (and in particular CMS)
- "The Grid" is the sum of "Grid Sites", each offering a moderate amount of (mostly) computing resources
 - Each site has a standard "Gatekeeper", responsible for regulating access to the site (How the "Gatekeeper" handles the computing resources, is anyone's guess)

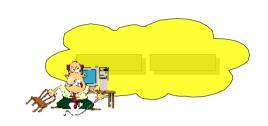


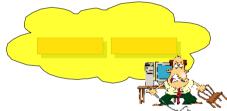


Dear public, "The Grid"







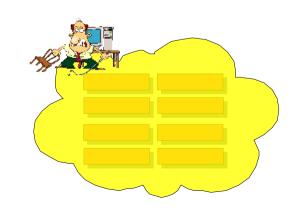


And "The User"



"The Grid" is not an easy place to live in!









Compare this to Condor

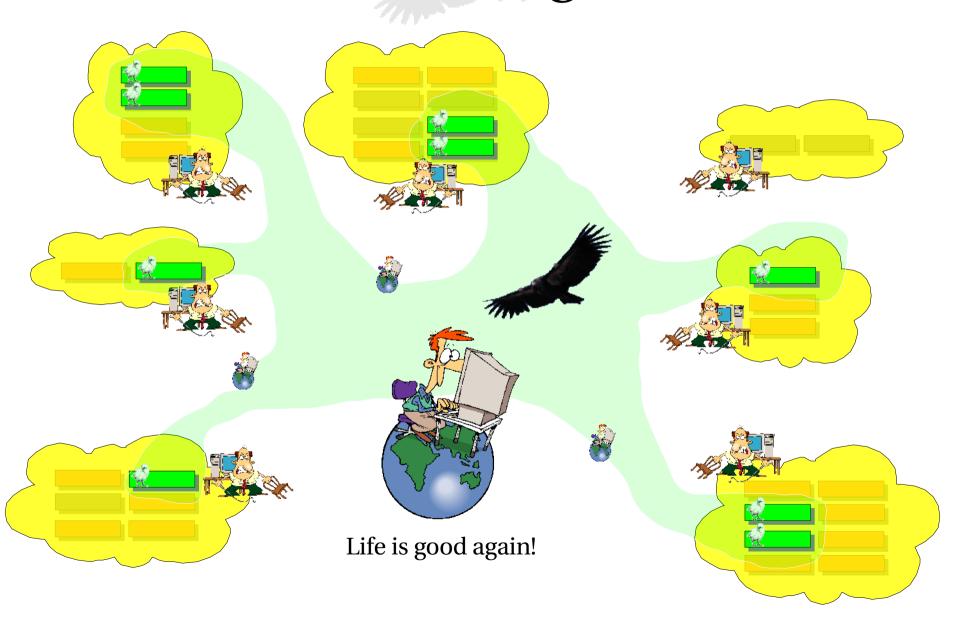
- A single system from the user point of view
 - User submits to a local scheduler
 - Condor does all the magic







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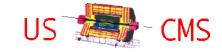




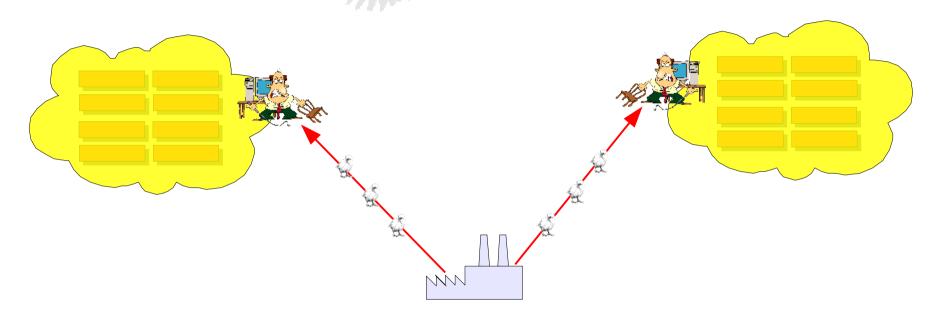
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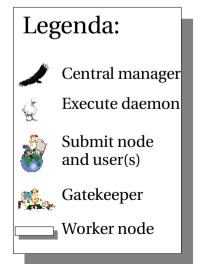






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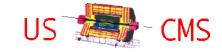




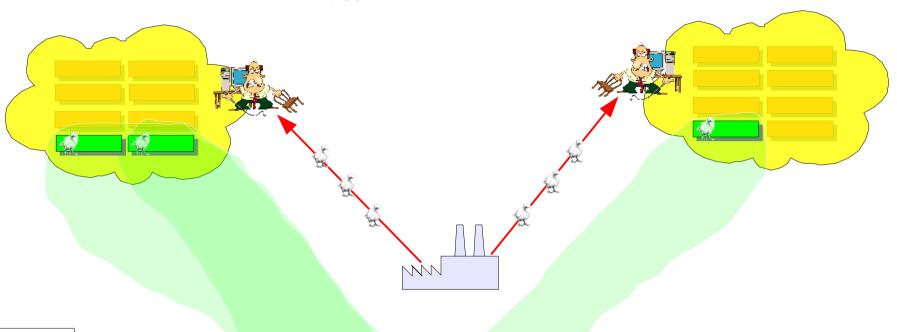


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The answer: Condor glide-ins







Central manager



Execute daemon



Submit node and user(s)



Gatekeeper



Worker node



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What exactly is "a glidein"?

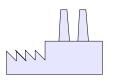


- "A glidein" is just a regular condor_startd daemon, submitted as a Grid job
- The glidein-Grid job needs to:
 - validate the worker node (for example against memory and disk problems)
 - discover or fetch the condor binaries
 - configure the Condor daemons
 - start the Condor daemons
- For simple use-cases, you can use condor_glidein





The glidein factory



- Needs to know how to submit to the "Grid Sites"
 - ... how to obtain the list of sites
 - For each site:
 - how to talk to the "Gatekeeper"
 - what is the configuration of the site (network, security, software, etc.)
- Needs to know when to submit new glideins
 - Slots are not free
 - Resources not used by my pool could be used by others
 - Submit only if users need more resources (modulo speculative submissions)
 - Submit only to sites who declare that can run at least a subset of user jobs



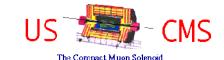


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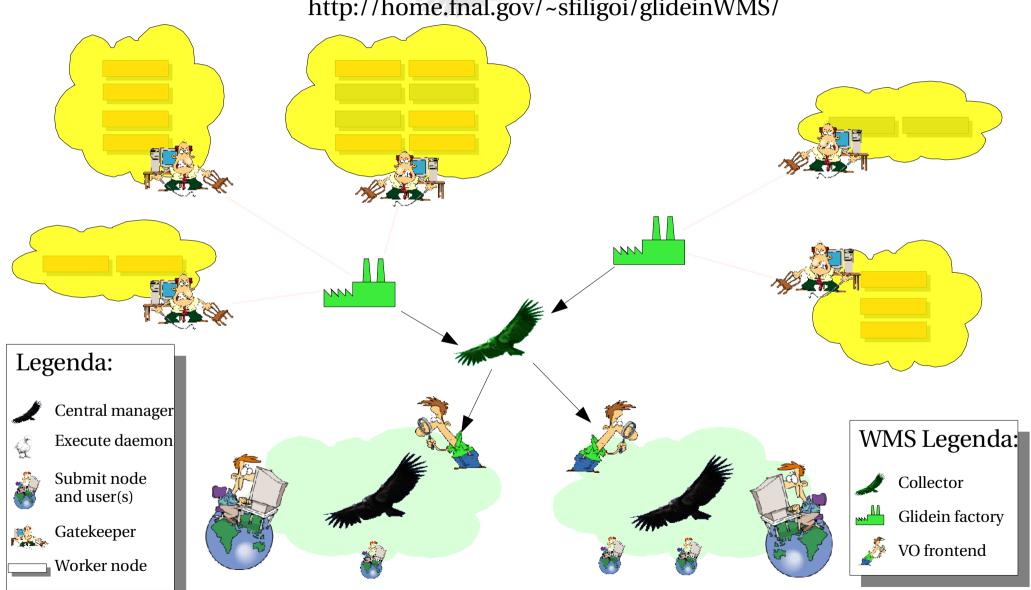
- A glidein-based Workload Management System (WMS) developed for USCMS
 - Derived from the CDF GlideCAF (Presented at CondorWeek2006)
 - But meant to be generic enough to support different communities
- Uses the dividi-et-impera approach
 Glidein Factories know how to submit to the Grid Sites
 VO* Frontends monitor jobs and direct the factories
- Condor Collector used for message passing

* VO = Virtual Organization ~ Condor Pool





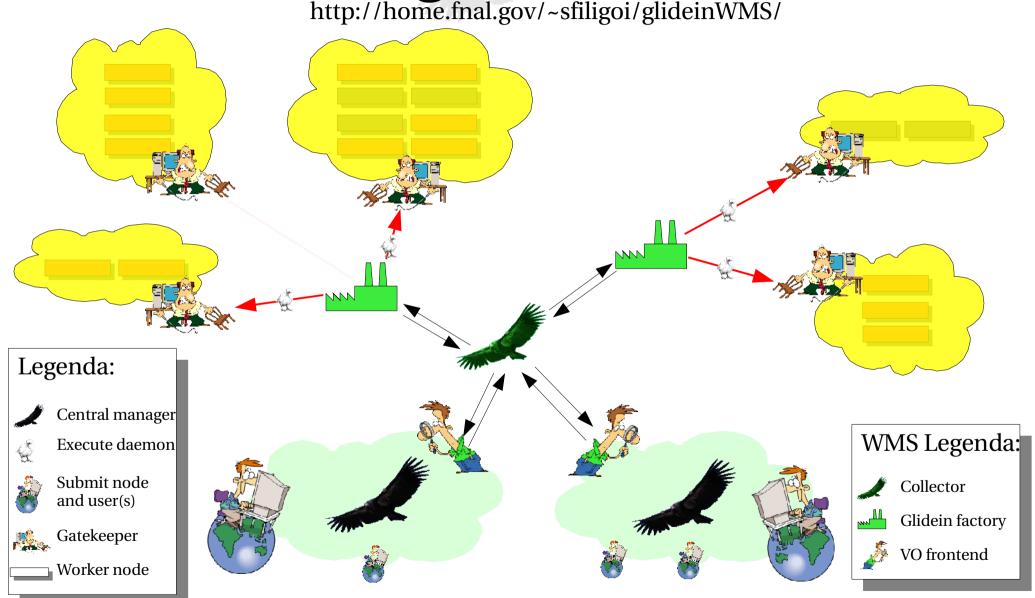
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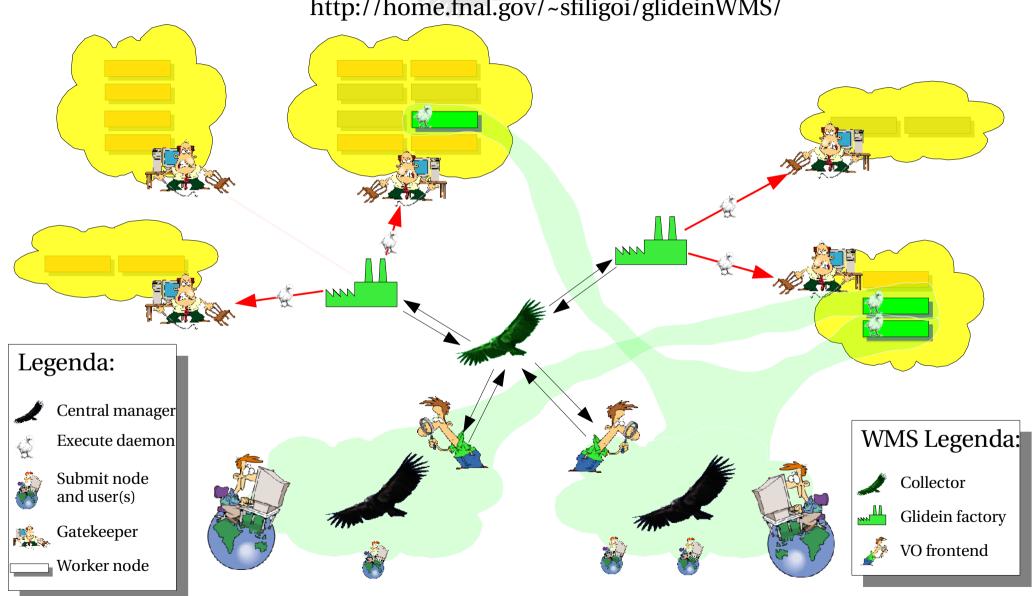
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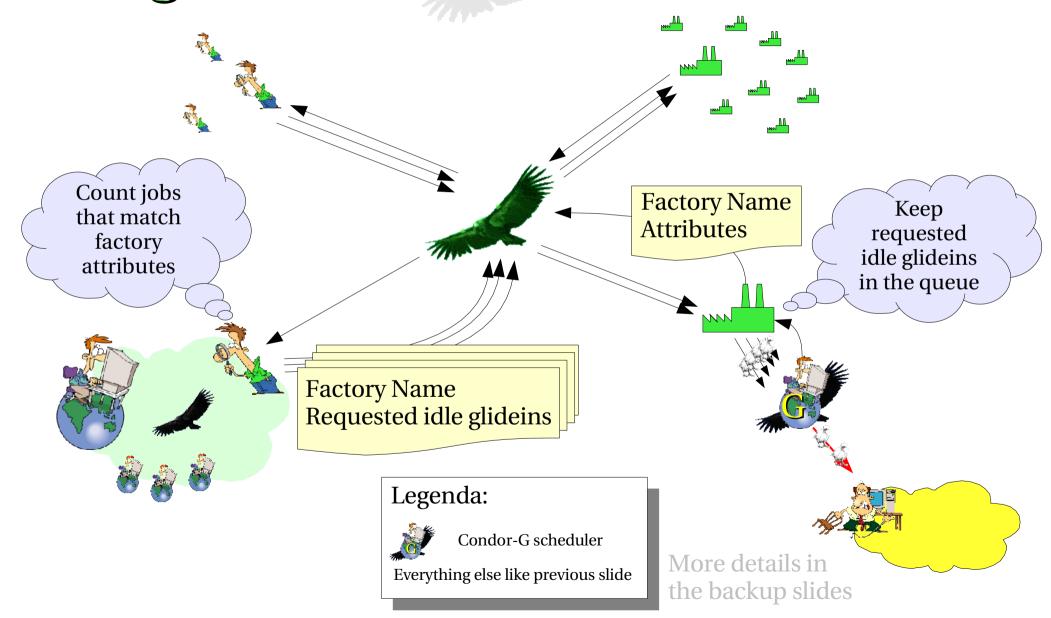


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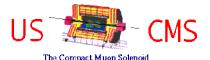


glideinWMS internals





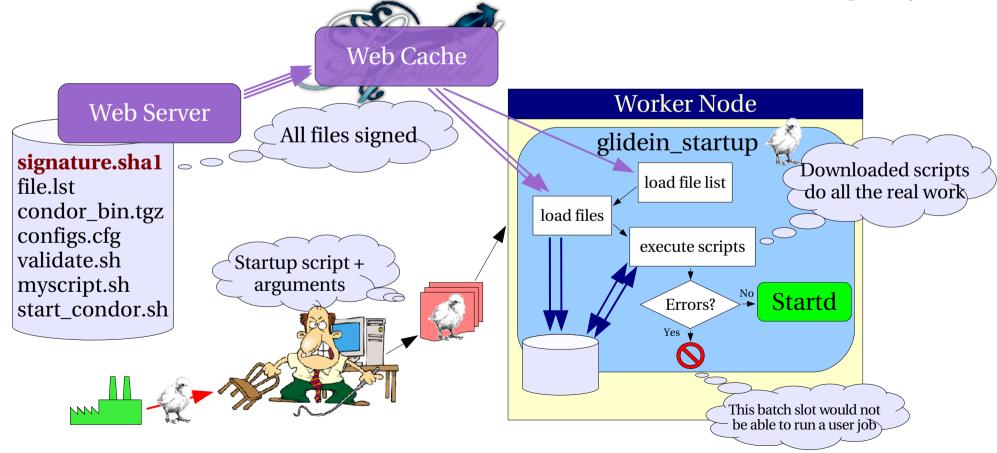




glideinWMS internals



- Glidein startup script simply loads other scripts
 - HTTP used for network transfers (cacheable, works when no privacy issues)







Network security concerns

- Traffic on WAN insecure by definition
- Using x509 (GSI) service proxies for authentication
 - Condor tools securing communication between
 VO Frontend and Glidein Factory

 - Startd and Collector/Schedd
 - Condor supports integrity checks to prevent data tampering and encryption for privacy
- HTTP-accessed data checked via SHA1 checksums (no privacy possible here)





Security on the Worker Nodes

- Glide-in Condor not running as a privileged user
 - Cannot change UID without help from the system
 - Condor daemons not protected from user jobs
- Open Science Grid (OSG) starting to deploy gLExec on its worker nodes
 - A x509-based Apache-suexec derivative
 - Condor can use the service proxy to run the user job under a different UID
 - Same security as if Condor running as root





Working over Firewalls



- Condor is based on the peer-to-peer principle
 - Needs two-way network traffic
- Most Grid Sites behind firewalls



- Most have only outgoing connectivity
- Some only proxied traffic
- Condor GCB can help at such sites
 - See GCB talks for more details



 VPNs could be another option, but are less trivial to use in user-space



Conclusion





- "The Grid" * has a lot of resources (even for free)
 - Why not use them?
- Glideins allow you to use those resources without a single change in your jobs
 - You can even submit standard universe jobs!
- glideinWMS can help you automatize the maintenance of a glidein pool
 - Let me know if you are interested sfiligoi@fnal.gov
 http://home.fnal.gov/~sfiligoi/glideinWMS/





Glidein Factories

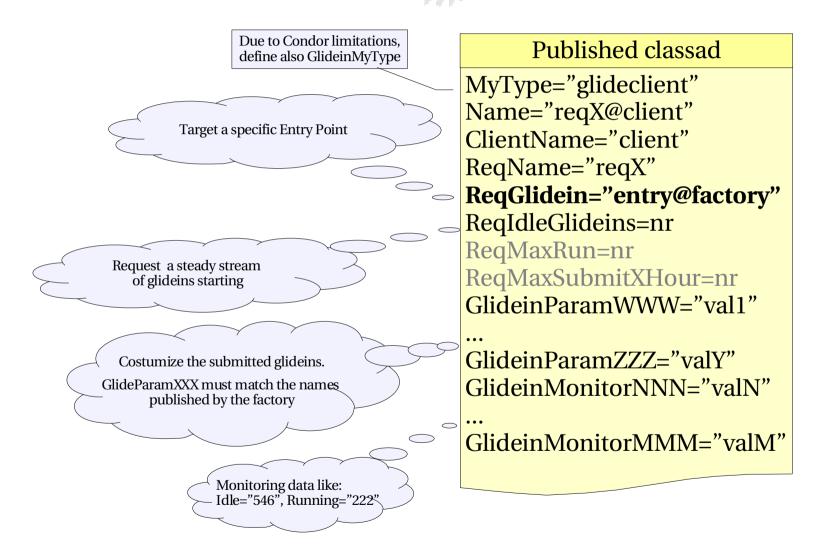
Backup slides





VO Frontend ClassAd









Glidein Factory ClassAd



Published classad

MyType="glidefactory" Name="entry@factory" FactoryName="factory" GlideinName="entry" Attribute1="..."

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AttributeN="..."
GlideinParamXXX="val1"

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GlideinParamYYY="valZ" GlideinMonitorNNN="valN"

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GlideinMonitorMMM="valM"

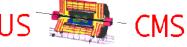
Due to Condor limitations, define also GlideinMyType

Attributes that describe the glidein like: ARCH="INTEL", MaxHours=72, Site="Florida"

Parameters set glidein parameter defaults like:
CONDOR_HOST="UNDEFINED",SEC_DEFAULT_ENCRYPTION=OPTIONAL
-MinDisk=16G, CheckFilesExist="/tmp/CMS,\$DATA/OSG"

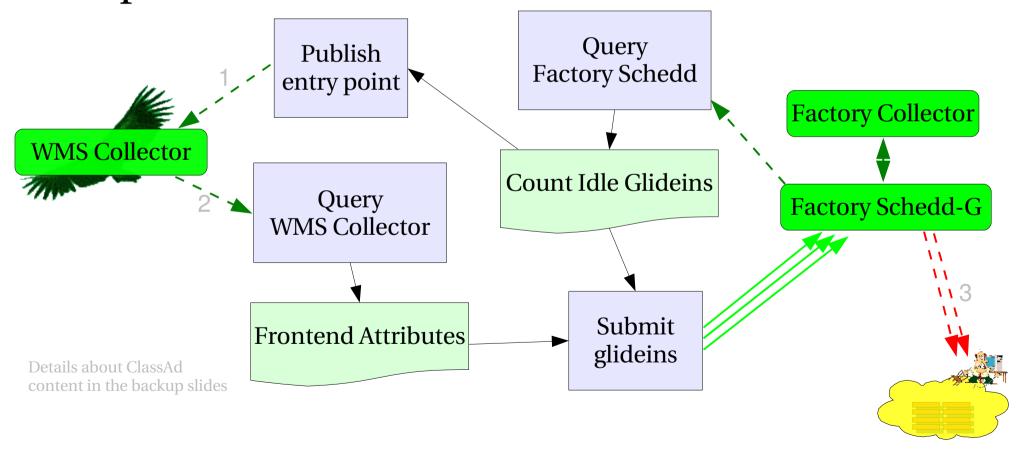
Monitoring data like: TotalStatusIdle="234", TotalStatusRunning="1356" TotalRequestedIdle="50"





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• Glidein Factory essentially a publish-read-submit loop

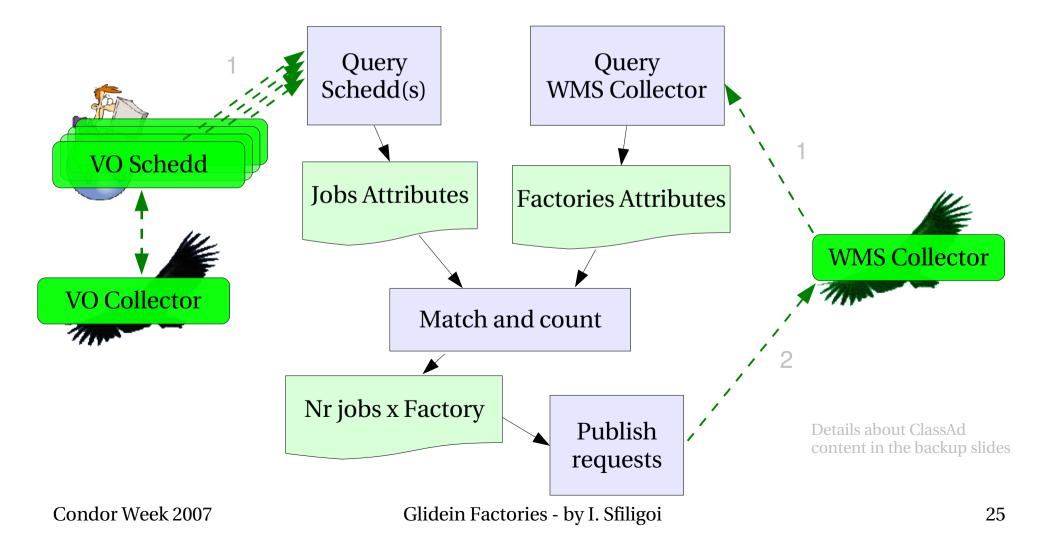






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VO Frontend acts as a matchmaker







Glidein details

- Dummy startup script
 - Just loads other files and execute the ones marked as executable
- File transfer implemented using HTTP
 - Easy cacheable, standard tools available (Squid)
 - Proven to scale, widely used in Industry
- All sensitive file transfers signed (SHA1)
 - · Prevent tampering, as HTTP travels in clear





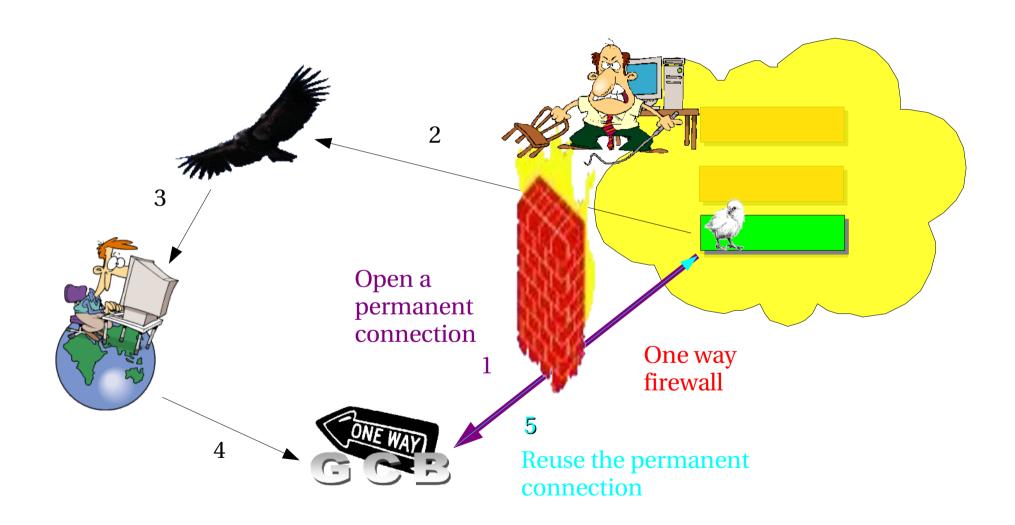
Glidein details

- Standard sanity checks provided
 - Disk space constraints
 - Node blacklisting
- Generic Condor configure and startup script provided, too
- Factory admins can easily add their own customization scripts (both for checks and configs)
 - Allowing Frontends to add custom scripts envisioned, but not yet implemented













glideinWMS support

- glideinWMS developed by and for the CMS collaboration US CMS
 - No funding to support other users
- However:
 - Having other users would bring in new ideas
 - Best-effort support will always be there for everybody
 - Collaboration with other groups welcome
 - both for development and support